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## Pembroke Medical Center Changes Locations

By Vinita Clark

Across from Hardee's in Pembroke sits a vacant medical center. Many people, like me went to visit Dr. Frank Worriax and sat in the empty parking lot recently. There were no signs saying that the office would be closed and everything still looked to be in place. Finally, I was the last one sitting in the parking lot and I wanted to find out what was going on.

When I went to look inside the office window, it was clear that they had either moved or closed. So, I drove around looking for clues.

There had been a sign in the office that the practice was moving to the old post office that was once the home of Dr. Mary Cummings on May 1, 2002. I drove around to this location and there they were.

Mrs. Kathy Wilkins who is the Office Manager said "I wish that someone would tell people where we are because someone keeps on tearing down the signs that we have moved."

As a public service of the Carolina Indian Voice we print this so that Dr. Frank's patients will know where to find their doctor.

## FirstHealth Mobile Health Services Van Schedules Pembroke Screenings

A FirstHealth Mobile Health Services van will be at the FirstHealth Family Care Center-Pembroke for osteoporosis or mammography screenings once a month from early May through late August.

The following screenings have been scheduled:

\*Osteoporosis, Thursday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
\*Mammography, Thursday, June 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\*Osteoporosis, Thursday, July 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
\*Mammography, Thursday, Aug. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Appointments are required. For further information, or to schedule an appointment, please call 1-888-534-5333.

For more information on FirstHealth Mobile Health Services, visit the FirstHealth of the Carolinas Web site at [www.firsthealth.org](http://www.firsthealth.org).

## Want to learn more about your diet? There's a program for you

Pembroke-Debra Deschamps says she enjoys much more about her new North Carolina home than the warm weather. Originally from Maine and formerly of Wisconsin, Deschamps moved to the area three months ago to take on a new position that puts her right where she wants to be in the heart of several local communities.

Coming to the area as FirstHealth's newest Health Educator, Deschamps provides nutritional counseling and educational programs in Robeson County.

"As a FirstHealth Health Educator, I meet with total health members of the FirstHealth Center for Health & Fitness-Pembroke who wish to create nutritional programs

that are right for them," she says. Deschamps also hosts an array of fun, educational programs at the Center on the third Thursday of every month. At an informal "meet the dietician" program on April 18, she will spend time meeting people in the community, sharing with them who she is and what she can do to help those who have diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, high blood pressure or heart problems.

She's also interested in meeting community members who want to learn more about nutrition in general, as well as those who want to learn how to lose weight and keep it off, or foods to avoid if you have food allergies or special diets.

## Fayetteville State and UNCP to Host Workshop

Fayetteville-Fayetteville State University and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, in association with Cumerland Regional Improvement Corporation and BJL Construction Consultants, will host a workshop to help members of the construction industry find out how they can be a part of 30 construction projects totaling over \$102 million. The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 145 of FSU's School of Business and Economics, and is free of charge. Prime contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and designers are encouraged to attend.

Workshop attendees will learn about the projects, schedules, and contract opportunities for Fayetteville State University and UNC Pembroke (15 projects per campus); learn about bidding procedure changes as a result of the revised construction laws; and find out how to become certified as a minority, woman-owned, or disadvantaged business.

To RSVP call 910-483-6439. For additional information, please contact Steve Martin, AIA, Fayetteville State University, at 910-672-1431 or Bess Tyner, PE, UNC Pembroke, at 910-521-6280.



## Frank Floyd, Jr. becomes Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

The Honorable Robert "Frank" Floyd, Jr. became the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of Robeson County Judicial District 16B on March 5, 2002, following the death of former Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks. Judge Floyd was elected to the Superior Court in 1996 after having served for two terms on the District Court bench commencing in 1988. Prior to being a District Court Judge, he was in private practice as an attorney in Fairmont. The new position as senior resident judge carries with it additional administrative responsibilities, which also includes the appointment of the county magistrates. "I look forward to the new

challenge and I am most appreciative of the faith and confidence the citizens of Robeson County have shown in me," comments Judge Floyd.

He and his wife, June, have five children and reside in Fairmont. The Floyd family has a history of ties to the legal community. His father, Robert "Bob" Floyd was an attorney and the first Chief District Court Judge of Robeson County, a position that was newly created in 1966. His grandfather, Wayland Floyd, was also an attorney and served in the State House for six terms. A brother, Charles Floyd, is an attorney practicing in Fairmont.

## T.G. Sheppard to perform at Strawberry Festival

T.G. Sheppard will be performing at the 2002 Strawberry Festival on Sunday, May 5, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at the Southeast Flea Market. This is a FREE concert. The Southeast Flea Market is located on Hwy 410 North between Hwy 74 &

Hwy 76 in Chadburn, NC. T.G. Sheppard has had several Number one singles, including "Devil in the Bottle," "Trying to Beat the Mornin' Home," "Loving You," "Mister DJ," "Last Cheaters Waltz," and others.

## Fayetteville State University partners with Tom Joyner for scholarships

Fayetteville- Tom Joyner, nationally-syndicated radio talk show host, will emcee Fayetteville State University's celebration of its first Community Commitment Day initiative to raise \$250,000 for scholarships. The FSU Mid-day Soiree will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2002, beginning at noon, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. This black-tie optional event will be held in conjunction with other Founders Day activities to commemorate Fayetteville State's 135-year history of excellence in edu-

cation. A Silent Auction will feature unique items from premiere venues throughout the area. The FSU Jazz Ensemble will perform during the afternoon.

The public is invited attend this event to contribute their financial support to deserving students at Fayetteville State University. Individual tickets may be purchased for the Mid-day Soiree for \$65 per person or \$600 for a reserved table of eight.

Your investment today benefits our community tomorrow.

## Filing Open for North Pembroke Tribal Council Seat

by Alex Baker

An election will be held June 29, 2002 in North Pembroke to fill a vacancy on the Lumbee Tribal Council created by the recent resignation of Dr. Reginald Oxendine

According to the Elections Board, filing for the vacant seat began at noon Monday, April 15. Filing will continue through noon April 26, 2002. Candidates are re-

quired to pay a \$100.00 filing fee to offset election costs. Election to the Lumbee Tribal Council is limited to enrolled members of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina whose principal residence for the past year is in the North Pembroke District. Candidates must have reached the age of 21 on or before June 29, 2002, in accordance with the provisions of the Lumbee Constitution.

## Lumbee Tribal Housing Program Awards Contracts

by Alex Baker

The Lumbee Tribal Housing Program has awarded eleven contracts for housing rehabilitation across the tribally designated service area of Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties to certified American Indian contractors. Contracts awarded totaled approximately \$135,000. Work on these homes began the week of April 15th.

The housing program received 22 applications from contractors and is continuing to accept and certify additional contractors. The certification process consists of attending a pre-construction conference, verification of American Indian status, credit references, quality of work and verification of

insurance. Contracts were awarded to the following American Indian contractors: Prestige Builders; Robeson Construction; Sandy's Painting and Remodeling; Locklear Roofing and Home Improvement; Brooks Home Improvements; G & H Construction and Remodeling; and Mack's Construction.

Bid proposals to perspective American Indian contractors were available until Tuesday, April 16. All bids must be received by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2002. Contracts will be awarded Wednesday, April 24. Interested American Indian contractors are encouraged to contact Harley K. Hunt, Supervisor of New Construction and Rehabilitation at 910-521-7861, ext. 212.

## Graduates of Pembroke High School Organize an Alumni Association

Graduates of Pembroke High School have organized an Alumni Association. Meeting on February 9th at Linda's Restaurant in Pembroke for the purpose of organizing were the following graduates: Mary Martin Deese, Bernice Lowry, Maxine L. Chavis, Adolph Blue, Dorothy Blue, Sarah S. Bell, Waltz Maynor, Louise Maynor, Maitland W. Growe, Jesse Oxendine, Mary Alice Teets, Julian Price Martin, Doris Jones Locklear, Treva L. Stewart, James C. Dial, Helen S. Lowry, Harry Oxendine, Rosa Winfree, Maxine L. Amos and Lindy Martin.

The purpose of the Association is to create a fellowship among the Pembroke High School graduates, preserve historical happenings and establish a medium for communication among the members.

Reunions will be held every two years and a newsletter will be published on alternate years.

Class agents or members who have addresses of those who graduated with them are encouraged to send addresses to: Rosa Winfree, 1101 Westlake Drive, Kannapolis, NC 28081.

Addresses should be sent immediately in order for information to be sent for a July event.

The first meeting for the purpose of signing up for the Alumni group will be held on Saturday, July 6, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. in the old Pembroke High School building on Pates Road. The two hour period will allow graduates or anyone who attended Pembroke High School to enroll, spend time with classmates or friends and exchange stories about times at this important Alma Mater.

# Veterans Service Office Public Forum a Success!

by Erwin Jacobs

I was given an announcement about a public forum: "Assisting the Vet 2002," by the Robeson County Veterans Service Office, the Rev. Harold Hunt. He asked my help in getting the message to veterans across Robeson County. I contacted many by word of mouth, by telephone, and also in the Carolina Indian Voice. Mr. Hunt had contacted other local newspapers, but the Carolina Indian Voice was the only one who published this much needed information to the thousands of men and women who answered the call from Robeson County to serve their country in the different military institutions (branches of service).

I had a chance to speak with Con-On Saturday morning, April 13, 2002 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, the meeting took place at the O.P. Owens Building off Highway 72 in Lumberton (old County Home area). The featured speaker at the forum was the Honorable Mike McIntyre, U.S. Representative for the Seventh District. Shortly after 9:15 a.m. Mr. Hunt got everyone's attention, called for the colors. They were presented by the Robeson County Color Guard, and

presented by Gary Deese, CSM Retired as Cadence Caller.

The invocation was given by Commander Milford Oxendine, Navy Reserve Chaplain.

Welcome to all in attendance by Harold Hunt, VSO. Introduction of veterans across Robeson County, county elected officials by VSO Harold Hunt: N.C. Senate, House member, by telephone, and also in the Carolina Indian Voice. Mr. Hunt had contacted other local newspapers, but the Carolina Indian Voice was the only one who published this much needed information to the thousands of men and women who answered the call from Robeson County to serve their country in the different military institutions (branches of service).

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I had received a nice letter in the year 2000 and a nice check for the Robeson County Veterans Memorial I had started. I thanked him and know he is a good man for Veterans, even though he was never in the service, but he will be there for everyone who elected him to serve

and represent the people of our Great State and surrounding counties.

In his speech, he covered many avenues and touched on many subjects a lot of people (Veterans) did not know existed, also their spouse and siblings, about the millions of dollars to help support the needs. He was speaking from the heart and right to the point. He quoted a few past presidents and also General McArthur in his talk which lasted well over an hour.

If you did not have a chance to be a part of this forum, you missed a lot of vital information. I urge you to go visit Mr. Hunt or Ms. Powell at their office in Lumberton at 108 West 8th Street. Their telephone number is 910-671-3071. Fax number is 910-671-3070. Call before you visit to see if they are in their office.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Harold Butch Miller, Regional VSO Liaison was on hand to answer questions asked by the audience and talk about the Veterans Affairs Institutions in the area to serve Veterans. One question asked by Navy Retired Gene A. Locklear was why

has the co-pay on prescriptions gone up from \$2 to \$7 at one jump. It was stated this was the first jump in years and most prescriptions were sent out as a ninety day supply instead of a thirty day supply. Everything has gone up at a tremendous increase to meet the demand, also short supply of help at the facilities.

Another clinic is being opened to help the flow of patients (due to the short supply of doctors at the facilities so people will not have to travel so far to see a doctor.)

A notice is posted at the different clinics in the hospital, if you are a walk in you cannot get any papers filled out. I have to wait until the 7th of June to get my doctor to fill out a questionnaire I have had now in my possession. That is my scheduled day to see my doctor, even though I was asked to come in and get x-rays made of my hip problem.

As the different agencies were asked to report their services, the crowd began to thin out. The Reverend Marshall Locklear gave a very emotional talk about an agency he is involved in at Lumberton, Hospice. It is designed to

give dignity to terminally ill people. Many people are never visited in nursing homes by family and friends who would be more content in their familiar home surroundings. As a person has worked all of their life and should be looked after, it is a very sad situation when they have to die alone. The churches should get more involved in visiting these people to make their last days here on Earth more comfortable and take away the loneliness they are facing (This is my thought as well as Mr. Locklear's.)

Mr. Hunt thanked everyone for coming at 11:40 a.m. As I said earlier, around 11 a.m. the crowd began to thin out. There were over 100 people in attendance. This forum will be held once a year. Hoping to attract many more people next year.

The colors were retired and I have to say the women's auxiliary, others also People Cola remained busy serving refreshments all morning. We thank you for your support Ladies Auxiliary from VFW Post #2843 of Pembroke, and all the other volunteers. I will close with a very sad note.

My foster son, Dr. Brian Dial, lost his grandmother Friday, Mrs. Betty Dial, age 87, lost her battle after such a long life here on this earth. She has gone on to meet her Savior and join the Heavenly Choir. She was a corner stone for Brian as a young boy coming up from Miami, Florida to spend each summer with her on his uncle William Doris Dial's hog farm. I am very grateful that God let her live to see him graduate from his school and become a doctor. She will be sorely missed by Brian and all of us.

If you have a chance, take the time to visit your elders and let them know you appreciate them. Don't wait until their final curtain call comes to show your respect. We are losing our Veterans at a great and alarming rate.

Pray for our leaders and those people whose lives are being lost (taken by terrorists). Pray for me that I will continue printing the truth and my health will improve. God bless you. I sincerely hope I have shed some light to you in this article.